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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application and have been restricted. Applicant elects invention Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to nucleic acid fragments, without traverse. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claims 7-12. However, this election is being made without prejudice to Applicant's rights with respect to claims 7-12, including the right to file divisional applications thereon.

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Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested. Consideration and allowance of Claims 1-6 are also requested. The foregoing is believed to be fully responsive to this office action.

If there are any charges with respect to this amendment, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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